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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Salazar DATE TYPED 2/04/05 HB 352

SHORT TITLE Technical Assistance for Espanola Museums SB _____

ANALYST Hadwiger

APPROPRIATION (in \$000s)

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$150.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Cultural Affairs Department (DCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 352 appropriates \$150,000 from the general fund to Cultural Affairs Department in FY06 to provide technical assistance for the Mission Convento and Bond House Museums in Espanola.

Significant Issues

According to DCA, both the Mission Convento and the Bond House Museum are in need of museum professional technical assistance in order to improve their internal environments and security. This work on the museums will result in better care for their collections, as well as position the Bond House and Convento to host exhibits from other museums in New Mexico and the nation. DCA indicates that, specifically, museum specialists are needed to outline the scope of work, begin to upgrade to professional museum standards both facilities to provide for a safe and secure museum environment for collections and exhibitions. The museums need assessment of climate, including HVAC and humidity; evaluation of lighting in exhibition galleries; assessment of fire extinguishing capabilities in public, exhibition and storage areas; evaluation of pest management; and gallery preparation for exhibitions.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 would revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The bill will have administrative and staffing implications for the department's Museum Services Division, its exhibitions and conservation staff members. The division requests a small percentage of the overall funding for administrative costs.

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